

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE PATENT : DAZHI CHEN *et al.*  
APPLICATION OF :  
SERIAL No. : 09/461,336  
FILING DATE : December 15, 1999  
ART UNIT : 3627  
EXAMINER : SHEIKH, ASFAND M.  
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY  
FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING  
OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

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**RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed **February 19, 2010** (the "Office Action"), please consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 31 of this paper.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 043311-0313722).